

Appendix G

**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION (1973)
AND
DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE EVALUATION
SHEET FOR NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY (2007)**

BEGIN

CANNON HALL

Use black ink and completely fill each box. Entries above the ruled line will appear on fiche labels.

CRS S- 160.



STATE OF DELAWARE

DIVISION OF

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

MALL OF RECORDS • DOVER • 19901

FICHE TITLE FRAME

Date ordered:

Camera:

Date filmed:

Operator's Signature:

DOCUMENT 20-06/78/01/7

The images on this microfiche are unaltered photocopies of the material contained in the survey files, Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation-

Nat Reg

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Sussex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cannon Ferry	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Woodland	
STATE Delaware	CODE 10
COUNTY Sussex	CODE 005

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Department of Highways and Transportation	
STREET AND NUMBER: Highway Administration Building	
CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware
	CODE 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware
	CODE 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey, entry no. Del.-156 (Cannon Hall)	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.
	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE

COUNTY

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruined	<input type="checkbox"/> Unusable
	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If Applicable) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodland Ferry is the lowest public crossing of the Nanticoke in Delaware; it serves local traffic and tourists free of charge on a regular basis. Although the boat, the cable, and the other machinery have been modernized during the past 180 years, the Woodland Ferry continues to operate by the cable system. A powered winch on the boat pulls it along the cable, which rests on the bottom of the river. The cable is anchored at both shores, where movable docks serve to bridge between the roadway and the deck of the boat. The Nanticoke at this point is about twenty feet deep and about 200 yards wide.

Cannon Hall is a five-bay, two-story frame house with interior end chimneys. A single-story wing has been added on the south end. The single-pile, central hall plan is typical of Sussex County Georgian houses. An open staircase in the hall terminates in a landing. The interior trim is largely replaced. Over the windows are decorative wooden lintel blocks that serve no structural purpose. Like the other original details of the house, they are very well executed and reflect the prosperity of the builder. A small frame wing to the west end of the house is built on simpler and lower lines.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 14th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Abolitionist	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The present ferryboat at Woodland, or Cannon's Ferry is the latest in a long succession of vessels to cross the Nanticoke at this point. At least since 1793, and perhaps longer, a public ferry has crossed the river here. It is the last cable ferry in Delaware. A deed dated 1776 mentions a ferry in this vicinity known by the name of Cannon's Ferry.</p> <p>At the north side of the river, facing the ferry landing, is Cannon Hall, built by Jacob Cannon around 1810.</p> <p>Jacob Cannon was a bitter, lonely man whose fabled miserliness and sensational murder earned him a place in fiction as one of the villains of George Alfred Townsend's novel, <u>The Entailed Hat</u>. Legend states that Cannon built Cannon Hall for his bride-to-be, who died before the wedding; legend states further that he visited the house regularly thereafter, but never spent a night there. Jacob and his brother Isaac developed many enemies as they accumulated a considerable fortune; their penchant for foreclosures became legendary. Jacob Cannon finally died in 1843 at the hands of Owen Day, whom he had prosecuted for stealing a bee tree. Day killed Cannon in broad daylight, at his ferry landing, "under the eyes of condoning neighbors."</p> <p>After a long period of neglect, Cannon Hall has been completely remodelled by its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Bradley.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Eberlein, Harold Donaldson, and Cortlandt V.D. Hubbard. Historic Houses and Buildings of Delaware. Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1963.
 Townsend, George Alfred. The Entailed Hat. Cambridge, Md.: Tidewater Publishers, 1955 (reprint).
 Federal Writers Project. Delaware: A Guide to the First State. Revised edition. New York: Hastings House, 1955.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds			
NW	.	.	38	36	0
NE	.	.	75	39	25
SE	.	.			
SW	.	.			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar	
ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs	DATE: 7/10/72
STREET AND NUMBER: Hall of Records	
CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware
	CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 8-24-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

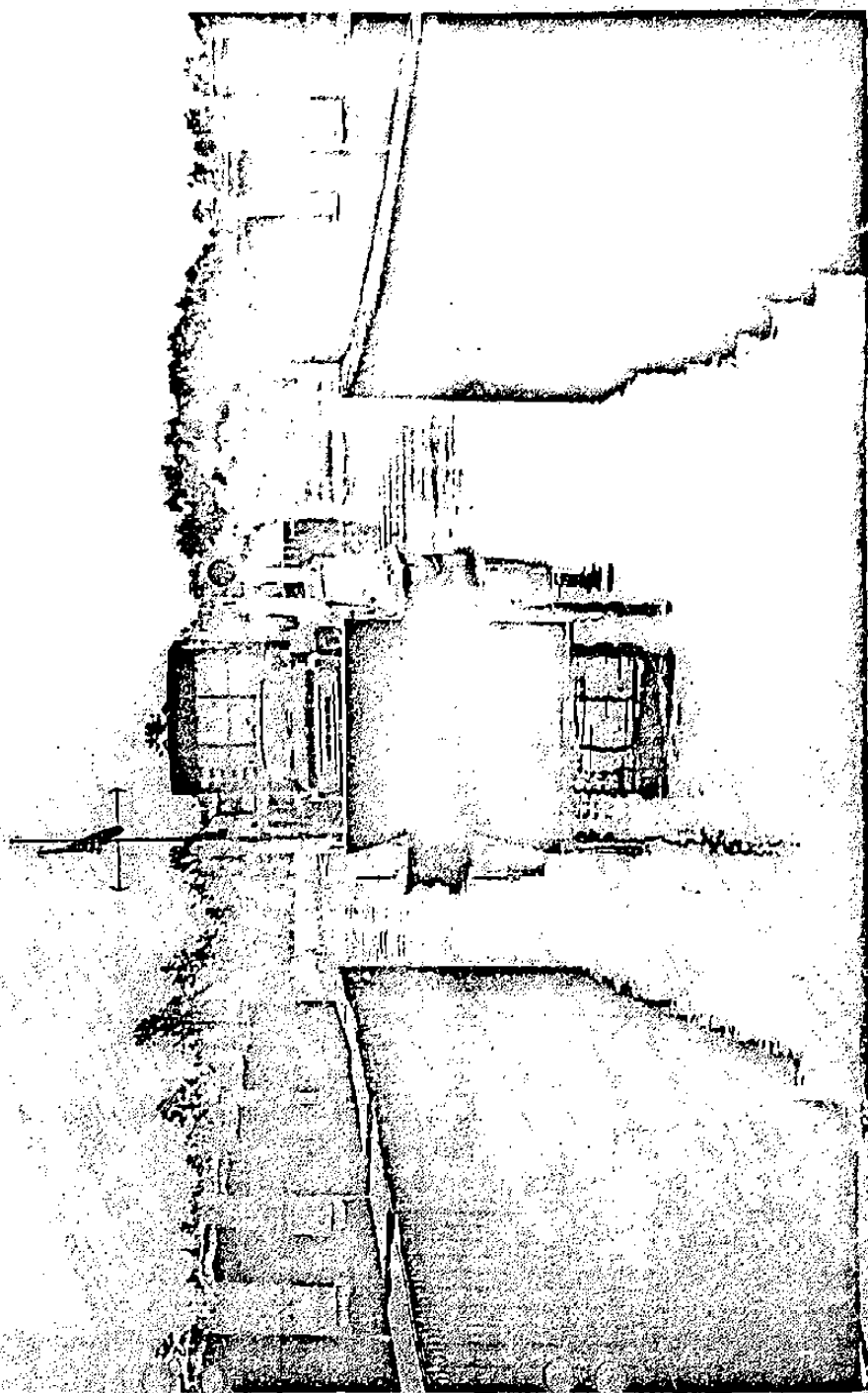
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph.)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Sussex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cannon Ferry			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Woodland			
STATE: Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: Sussex	CODE 005
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Bureau of Travel Development			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Ferry entering north slip.			



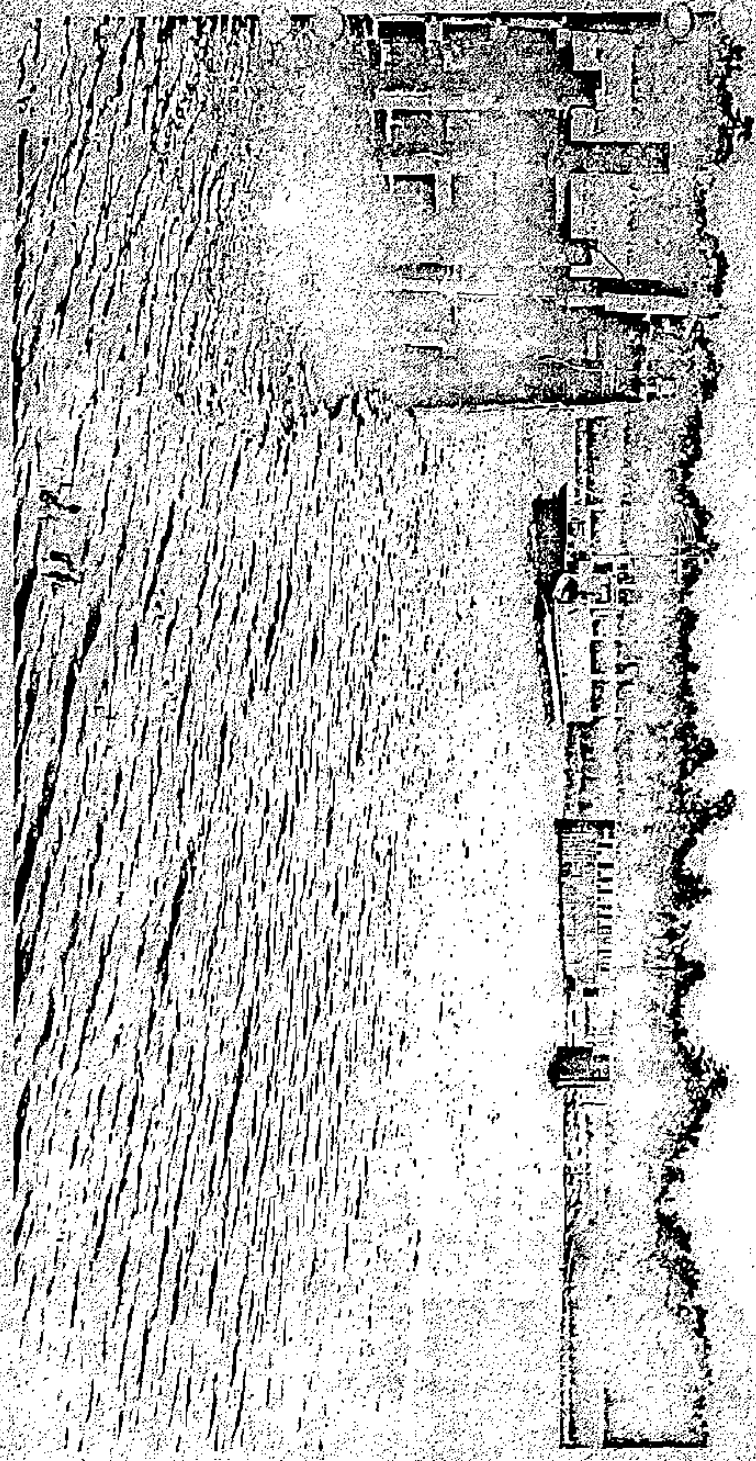
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Sussex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cannon Ferry			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER			
CITY OR TOWN Woodland			
STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY Sussex	CODE 005
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Bureau of Travel Development			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of Ferry from north bank.			



Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

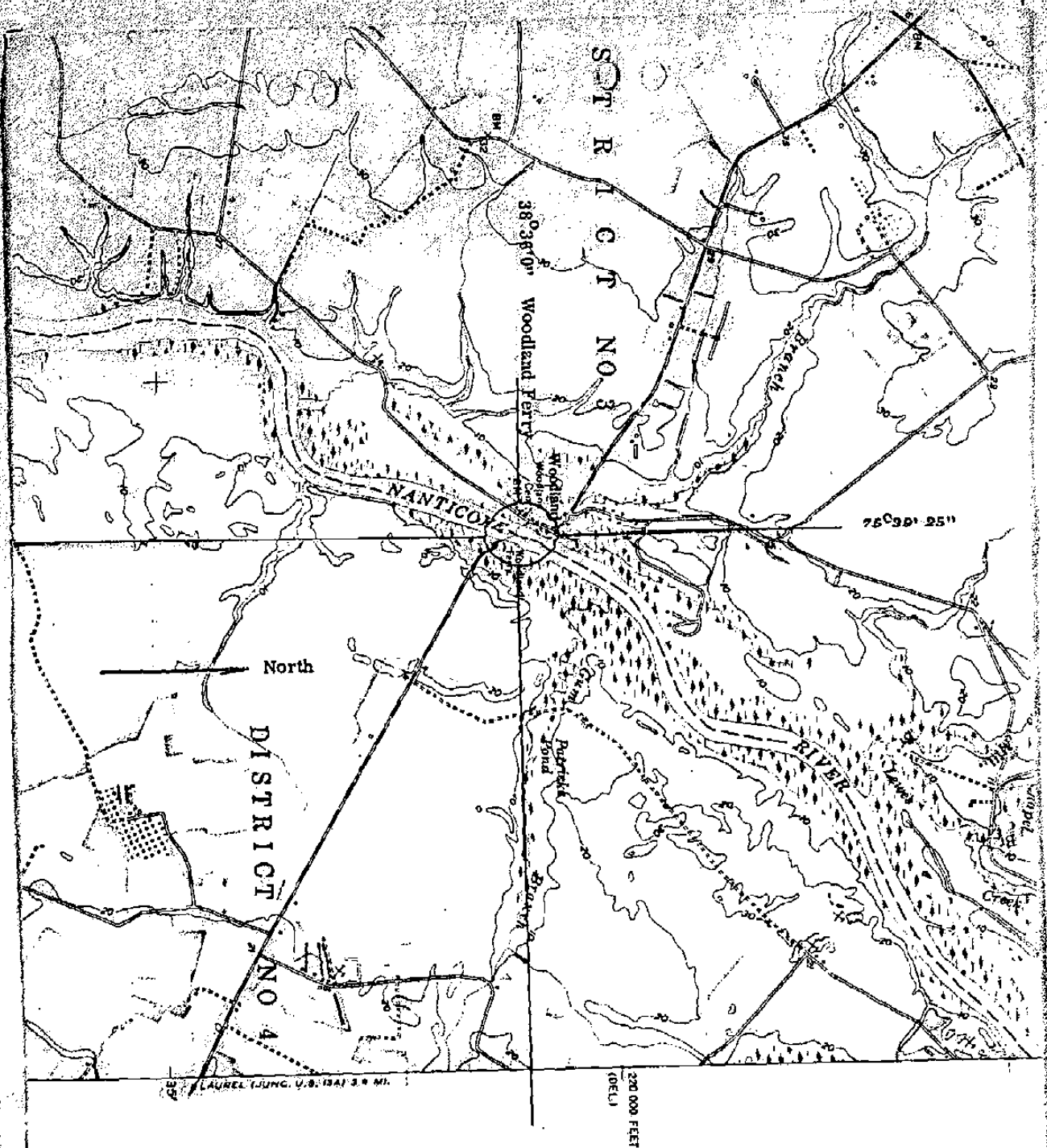
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries within 19 or space with map)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Sussex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry and Cannon Hall			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cannon Ferry			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Woodland			
STATE: Delaware	CODE: 10	COUNTY: Sussex	CODE: 005
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS Map, Sharptown Del-Md, 7.5' series			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1955			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



United States Geological Survey
Topographic Map Sharptown Del-Md 1955

PROJECT DISPOSITION CARD

COMMON NAME Cannon's Ferry (Woodlands Ferry) & Cannon Hr
 HISTORIC NAME Cannon Ferry
 LOCATION Woodland, Delaware
 OWNER Department of Highways & Transportation
 ADDRESS Highway Administration Building, Dover, Delaware
 SPONSOR
 CONTACT Mr. Edward F. Helte, Historic Registrar
 ADDRESS Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware
 RESEARCHER Mr. Edward F. Helte

REMARKS

See map of 1/2/73

COMPLETED

TRANSACTION	DATE	TRANSACTION	DATE
FORMS RECEIVED		BOARD RESPONSE	YES NO OTHER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED		SUBMISSION TO NPS	
INFORMATION RECEIVED		NPS RESPONSE	YES NO OTHER 1/2/73
FORMS COMPLETED	7/10/72	OWNERS NOTIFICATION	
PHOTO FORMS COMPLETED	8/23/72	NEWS RELEASE	
MAPPING FORMS COMPLETED	7/18/72		
STATE REVIEW BOARD			

Page 2

A motion was made by Mrs. Potter to approve the nomination form for the Duncan Beard Site. Mr. van Ravenswaay seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The next nomination form to be discussed was the Brick Store. A brief discussion followed about Brick Store Landing and several corrections were made.

A motion was made by Mr. van Ravenswaay to approve the nomination form for the Brick Store as corrected. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The next nomination form was for the Camden Friends Meeting House. After a brief discussion several corrections were made.

A motion was made by Mrs. Potter to approve the nomination form for the Camden Friends Meeting House as corrected. Mr. Kruse seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The next nomination form was for Cannon's Ferry. A lengthy discussion followed and several corrections and additions were made. The members questioned whether Cannon's Ferry and Cannon Hall should be submitted as one combined form or separated. It was decided that Cannon Hall should not be included in the common name and that Cannon Hall should be mentioned in the nomination form for Cannon's Ferry.

A motion was made by Mrs. Potter to approve the nomination form for Cannon's Ferry as corrected. Mr. van Ravenswaay seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The next item was the nomination of Clearfield Farm, near Smyrna. A motion was made by Mr. van Ravenswaay to approve the nomination form for Clearfield Farm as corrected. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SRBM, Aug. 17, 1972, p. 2

August 24, 1972

Dr. William J. Hartagh
Keeper of the National Register
Room 3209
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bill:

I enclose herewith 31 nominations to the National Register, which were passed by our State Review Board at its meeting on August 18. The following are the names by which we prefer to list these properties:

Summit Hall and the Heyward House
Dennis House, N.Y.
Old Brick Store
Cannon Friends Meeting House
Clearfield Farm
Gelespring Presbyterian Church
Lesley-Travers (Denner) Mansion
Cochran Grange
The Globe House
Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry
Hedgecliff
The Hermitage
Hockessin Friends Meeting House
Hagman House
Lowell, by Frank Lloyd Wright
Mill Creek Friends Meeting House
Ipswich Shallice House
Somerset
Saint George's Chapel, Indian River Hundred
Tyn Head Court (Withered Court)
Welsh Tract Baptist Church

Some weeks ago your office circulated a memorandum asking the State Historic Officers to submit photographs suitable for publication in the National Register volumes. I can safely say that nearly all of our submissions contain professional-quality photographs.

Dr. William J. Murtagh
August 24, 1972
Page Two

Can you provide us with the name of the Coast Guard official who is responsible for the National Register in Delaware? We have been expecting to hear from them relative to the Fenwick Island Lighthouse, but nothing has developed. We have asked the Corps of Engineers to provide information for a nomination of the breakwaters at Lewes, but they have not replied to our inquiry. Perhaps you can prod these agencies through Federal channels.

We would appreciate it very much if you could expedite action on the 13 nominations submitted in June.

Sincerely,

E. Berkeley Tompkins, Director
Division of Historical and
Cultural Affairs
State Liaison Officer for
the National Register

EBT/sjp

Enclosures



IN REPLY, REFER TO:

RECEIVED SEP 1 1972

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

August 31, 1972

Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins
Director of the Division of Historical &
Cultural Affairs
Department of State
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Dr. Tompkins:

This is to acknowledge that these nominations for inclusion in the National Register were received in the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation. You will receive a copy of the notification when they have been placed in the National Register.

Duncan Beard Site
Bannister Hall and the Baynard House
Old Brick Store
Cochran Grange
Camden Friends Meeting House
Clearfield Farm
Coolspring Presbyterian Church
Lesley-Travers Mansion
Hockessin Friends Meeting House
The Hermitage
The Glebe House
Cannon's (Eoodland) Ferry
Hedgslawn
Laurel
Huguenot House
Mill Creek Friends Meeting House
Serack Shallcross House
Swanwyck
Saint George's Chapel
Welsh Tract Baptist Church
Tyn Head Court (Wethered Court)

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

June 12, 1973

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I enclose herewith corrected maps for the following National Register nominees:

- Hazzard House
- ✓ Cannon's Ferry
- Old Stone Tavern
- Highball Signal
- Noxontown
- Old Brick Store
- Darley House

Also enclosed is an aerial photograph of the Pagan Creek Dike, to be added to the nomination for that property.

The enclosed nominations for Banning Park, Brandywine Springs, and Strand Millas were passed by our Review Board on May 17th.

We would like to make a correction on our Clearfield Farm nomination which was registered on March 20, 1973. The location is incorrect on the form. The correct location is State Road 485, one-and-one-half miles north of Smyrna Landing.

Sincerely,

Grover A. Biddle
Assistant Secretary of State
(Acting Director)
Historic Preservation Officer

GAB:efh:pfj
Enclosures

NEWS RELEASE

NEWS RELEASE

NEWS RELEASE

August, 1973

Two Sussex County landmarks, illustrating the history of transportation, have been named to the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. By virtue of their inclusion on the Register, Woodland Ferry and the Highball Signal at Delmar are protected by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The present ferryboat at Woodland, or Cannon's Ferry, is the latest in a long succession of vessels to cross the Nanticoke at this point. At least since 1793, and perhaps longer, a public ferry has crossed the river here; today it is the last cable ferry in Delaware. Woodland Ferry is the lowest public crossing of the Nanticoke in Delaware; it serves local traffic and tourists free of charge on a regular basis. Although the boat, the cable, and the ferry have been modernized during the past 180 years, the ferry continues to operate by the cable system. A powered winch on the boat pulls it along the cable, which rests on the bottom of the river. The cable is anchored at both shores, where movable docks serve to bridge between the roadway and the deck of the boat. Ferry service has recently been temporarily discontinued while the boat and equipment are being repaired.

Delmar's highball signal is one of the last survivors of a signalling system that once was common along American railroads. Although highballs have been long since replaced by more efficient automatic systems, the town of Delmar has preserved this specimen as a reminder of the railroad's role in local history. The signal consists of a large steel ball, which was hoisted to the top of a pole whenever the track was clear ahead. An approaching engineer would watch for the ball as he approached the station. If he did not see the signal, he would stop; if the ball was raised, he would proceed. From this practice arose the term "highball", meaning permission to proceed at high speed.

Historic Preservation Section
Division of Historical and
Cultural Affairs
Department of State

RECEIVED JUL 12 1973

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE DELAWARE

Date Entered JUL 8 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
69 Noxontown N - 122 <i>St. Andrew's School Middletown</i>	Middletown vicinity New Castle County
14 Hazzard House S - <i>Episcopal Council</i>	Milton Sussex County
15 Highball Signal S - <i>School + Trans</i>	Delmar Sussex County
16 Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry S - <i>School</i>	Woodland Sussex County
70 Darley House N - 44B	Claymont New Castle County
35 Old Stone Tavern K - 130	Little Creek Kent County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified:

Hon. William V. Roth
Hon. Joseph R. Biden
Hon. Pierre S. du Pont, IV

Sussex Landmarks Named to Register

DOVER — Two Sussex County landmarks illustrating the history of transportation have been named to the National Register of Historic Places by the U. S. Department of the Interior.

By virtue of their inclusion on the Register, Woodland Ferry and the Highball Signal at Delmar are protected by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1960.

The present ferry boat at Woodland, or Cannon's Ferry, is the latest in a long succession of vessels to cross the Nanticoke at this point. At least since 1783,

and perhaps longer, a public ferry has crossed the river here; today it is the last cable ferry in Delaware.

Woodland Ferry is the lowest public crossing of the Nanticoke in Delaware. It serves local traffic and tourists free of charge on a regular basis. However, ferry service has recently been temporarily discontinued while the boat and equipment are being repaired.

Delmar's highball signal is one of the last survivors of a signaling system that once was common along American railroads. Although highballs have

been long since replaced by more efficient automatic systems, the town of Delmar has preserved this specimen as a reminder of the railroad's role in local history.

The signal consists of a large steel ball, which was hoisted to the top of a pole whenever the track was clear ahead. An approaching engineer would watch for the ball as he approached the station. If he did not see the signal, he would stop. If the ball was raised, he would proceed. From this practice arose the term "highball", meaning permission to proceed at high speed.

Woodland Ferry

Highball Signal

Cannon's Ferry

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX

July 18, 1973

Honorable Clifton E. Morris
Secretary of Highways and
Transportation
Highway Administration Building
P. O. Box 778
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Mr. Morris:

It is my sincere pleasure to inform you that Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, effective July 2, 1973. By virtue of its placement on the National Register, Cannon's (Woodland) Ferry now enjoys a certain measure of protection under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; the enclosed literature should explain the provisions of this law, but please do not hesitate to call on us if you have any questions.

A certificate, certifying the award of this honor, will be mailed within a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Grover A. Biddle
Assistant Secretary of State
(Acting Director)
Historic Preservation Officer

GAB:efh:pfl

Enclosures

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
21 THE GREEN, SUITE A; DOVER, DE 19901

CRS#

ER#

Environmental Review and Compliance
Evaluation Sheet For National Register Eligibility
ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES

1) Location: Potential Woodland Ferry Historic District

2) Boundary: See Map X
The potential Woodland Ferry Historic District includes the National Register listed Cannon House and Cannon's Ferry crossing of the Nanticoke River. Also included are the core of the larger historic community that includes the properties located along both sides of Woodland Church Road and Woodland Ferry Road as described on the attached map. While the standing structures of the historic district are located on the north side of the Nanticoke River, the ferry crossing and the viewshed across the Nanticoke River are important aspects of this historic district. The larger cultural landscape of the Nanticoke River requires further review and study.

3) Eligibility Comments:

State Plan Link:

Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
Period: 1770-1830+/-: Early Industrialization
1830-1880+/-: Industrialization and Early Urbanization
1880-1940+/-: Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
Themes: Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes
Transportation
Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
Property Type: Mixed Function District

Physical Integrity: As a collection, the buildings located within the boundary of the potential historic district retain sufficient integrity to convey the historic significance of this community in the areas of transportation, settlement patterns and demographic changes, and architecture, engineering and the decorative arts.

Eligible for Listing: YES X NO

Explain: The community of Woodland Ferry is a rare surviving example of the historical connection southern Delaware communities had to the water transportation routes that connect east and west across the Delmarva Peninsula. This town contains a historically important collection of buildings at the intersection of rural land and water transportation routes and although the town has remained small, the significance of this crossing over time and the connection of the people who lived here to the Nanticoke River is important and worthy of further study.

Reviewer: Robert Bodo, NR Coordinator, 8/10/06

Concur: [Signature]

